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Tender Salutation

To the

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VVherein is contained an Exhortation to the Called and Choſen People of the Lord, who have kept their Firſt Love, to abide therein to the End.

Alſo, A Hand of Dear Love held forth to the Spiritual Travellers, who are travelling from *Egypt*'s Land of Darkneſs, towards the Spiritual Land of Reſt.

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Alſo, A brief Rehearſal and Diſcovery of the Enemy of Man's Soul, his Workings from the beginning of his Appearance unto this Day, Age and Generation.

Charles Marſhall.

Ye have ſeen what I did unto the Egyptians, *and how I bare you on Eagles Wings, and brought you unto my ſelf. Now therefore if you will obey my Voice indeed, and keep my Covenant, then ye ſhall be a peculiar Treaſure unto me above all People; for all the Earth is mine.*

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THou Seed of *Jacob*, that haſt been ſcattered amongſt the Nations, who haſt indeed been ſmall, and lain amongſt the Pots, thy Glory hath been covered, thou haſt been as trodden down amongſt all Nations, deſolate, and forſaken as a Widdow, thy Habitation hath been in the Wilderneſs, the great red Dragon hath ſought to devour thee, the Beaſt that roſe out of the Sea, and the Beaſt that roſe out of the Earth, and *Myſtery Babylon* the great have all ſought the Vailing of thy Glory, and the Deſtruction of thy Life: thou haſt been as a ſpeckled Bird, and being deſolate haſt mourned, and cried through many Ages and Generations; thou haſt been as in a ſtrange Land, how hath the *Egyptian* and *Aſſyrian* oppreſſed thee! how have the Taſkmaſters oppreſſed thee! Oh, thy Burdens, thy Op-

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preſſions, thy Wounds, thy Cries and Tears, thy Lamentations, thy Groanings under all thy Oppreſſions, and Oppreſſors! thy Burden is felt, and thy deplorable Eſtate amongſt the Nations (over which Darkneſs hath ſpread it ſelf as a Covering) God Almighty hath given a ſence of.

Oh thou that art as in the Clifts of the Rocks, and as in the ſecret Places of the Stairs, my Soul hath been often bowed down in a ſence and ſight hereof; but (bleſſed be the Name of my God) the Sorrow hath not been without Hope, having felt the Arm that will deliver thee.

Ariſe, Ariſe thou Worm *Jacob*, the Lord hath heard thy Mournings, and hath taken notice of thy Oppreſſions, and his Bowels earn on thee; yea, he hath ſeen, he hath ſeen thy deſolate Eſtate, thy Cries are come before him, and thy Sighings and Mournings; and he hath taken notice of thy Oppreſſors, and is angry with the Nations becauſe of thee.

And now in the Name of the God of the whole Earth, the Everlaſting Creator, I propheſie of thy univerſal Viſitation and Deliverance through all Nations, Tongues, and People; now will the Lord plead with all Nations for thy ſake, and give Nations for thee, and People for the Ranſom of thy Life: *Now will he gather thee, thou Seed of* Jacob, *from the Eaſt, and from the Weſt; he will now ſay to the North give up, and to the South keep not back, and will bring his Sons from far, and his Daughters from the Ends of the Earth*; therefore thus ſaith the Lord, who redeemed *Abraham*, concerning the Houſe of *Jacob*, Jacob *ſhall not now be aſhamed, neither ſhall his Face now wax pale; but when he ſeeth his Children, the Work of my Hands in the midſt of him, they ſhall ſanctifie my Name, and Sanctifie*

ctifie the Holy One of Jacob, *and shall fear the God of* Israel.

And now behold, the Name of the Lord cometh from far, burning with his Anger, and the Burden thereof will be heavy; his Lips are full of Indignation, and his Tongue is Devouring Fire, and his Breath (as an Over-flowing Stream) shall reach to the midst of the Neck to sift the Nations with the Sive of Vanity; and there shall be a Bridle in the Jaws of the People, causing them to Err: but thou Seed of *Jacob* shalt have a Song as in the Night, when an holy Solemnity is kept, and Gladness of Heart, as when one goeth with a Pipe to come into the Mountain of the Lord, to the Mighty One of *Israel*; and the Lord shall cause his Glorious Voice to be heard, and shall shew the lightning down of his Arm, and the Indignation of his Anger, and with the Flame of devouring Fire, with scattering Tempests and Hail-Stones.

And therefore Arise, thou Precious Seed, spring at the Salutation of the Prophecy of thy Deliverance; for thou shalt be made a quiet Habitation, a Tabernacle that shall not be taken down, not one of the Stakes thereof shall ever be moved, neither shall any of thy Cords be broken; thou shalt be as a Royal *Diadem* in the Hand of thy God, even an Eternal Excellency, the Joy of many Generations, this is thy Portion, and the Lot of thy Inheritance, thou Oppressed Afflicted Seed of *Jacob*.

And now unto you, the First-Fruits of the Glorious Day of Visitation, which hath dawned in this Northern Island of the *Gentiles*, who have kept your first Love, in and through which the Lord God Everlasting

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reached unto you, and have kept your Habitations in the Light, unto which you were turned by the Might of the Arm of *Jacob*'s God, and therein have waited, and diligently sought and served the Lord; I say, your Bones are full of Fatness, your Souls are full of Vertue, and Hearts filled with the Love of God, and Minds possessed with the Pure Fear and Aw of God the Almighty; your Tents are Goodly, and your Habitation is Lovely; you it is I dearly love, honour and esteem; you are the Jewels of the Lord, which he will now make up, and spare. My Soul is refreshed in the very remembrance of you, and my Spirit is comforted in the sight of you in the Invisible Spirit of Holiness, you Beloved of the Lord, you Amiable Ones, whose Souls abhor every Graven Image, and Likeness, nothing satisfying your Thirsty, Breathing, Panting Souls, but that River the Streams whereof make glad the City of God.

Unto you this Exhortation springs in my Heart (who am a Fellow-Citizen with you) in the pure Movings and Arisings of the Eternal Power of the Mighty One of *Israel*, from day to day, from week to week, from moneth to moneth, from year to year, to the very end of our dayes, let us keep our Habitations, and stand upon our Watch-Tower, wherein we hear what the Lord saith, who speaketh Peace to his People, that they turn not again unto Folly; let us keep the Commandments of the Lord, cleaving to him, loving and serving him all our dayes, with all our Hearts, and with all our Souls.

And as here all keep, we shall blossom as a Rose, we shall grow as the Willows by the Water-Courses, we shall mount up as on the Wings of Eagles; we shall run, and not be weary; and go, and not be faint;

faint; here every one will daily feel the Arisings of the living eternal Power of the Highest, which first reached to quicken us, which alone can keep alive to the Lord; here Vertue is added unto Vertue, and none are barren or unfruitful, but are as a Watered Garden, being daily watered by our Beloved, who is as a Fountain of Gardens, and Well-springs of Living Waters, who will lead you all, you beautiful Ones, into his Banquetting-House, where his Banner, even Love it self, will be displayd over you; wherein Eat, oh Friends, and drink, oh Friends, at the Table of the Lord, of the Fatness of the House of our God.

And oh you beautiful Flock of the good Shepherd of *Israel*, who have come up from the Washing, among whom there is none Barren; I am in Love with your Life, and taken with your Beauty, and the Splendour of your Garments, the fine Clean Linnen: You Virgins, your Day of Rejoycing is come, and coming; you are those who stand with the Lamb on Mount *Zion*, yea, on the Sea of Glass, which is mingled with the Purifying Fire, you have gotten and are getting Victory over the Beast, and Image, and the Number of his Name; Harps are put into your Hands, and the Song of the Redeemed into your Mouthes, which none learn but the Redeemed of the Lord, which is the Song of *Moses*, the Servant of the Lord, and the Song of the Lamb; you have passed through the Ministration of Condemnation, which was Glorious in its Time, and are come to that which exceeds in Glory; you have seen, and shall see the Judgments and Desolation of the great Whore, Mystery *Babylon* the Great, she is falling, she is falling; Rejoyce over her ye holy Prophets and People of the Lord,

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an utter End and utter Desolation in the Name of the Eternal God is coming on her, and her Merchants, and all that shall be found Drinking of her Cup of Fornication, and over all that have come in, and been introduced through the loss of the Ancient, Pure, Holy, Everlasting Power.

And so dear Friends, Brethren and Sisters (unto whom is the Salutation of my Love in the arising of his Power, that moves me at this time thus to write) let us dwell, and forever abide, and keep, as aforesaid, in the holy Habitation, where our Growth, Safety and Preservation is forever; and the God of all Consolation, Might, Power and Eternal Strength Water, Refresh, and Bless you from this time forth, and forever.

And now unto you who have been visited with the right Arm of God's Deliverance, when you were in *Egypt*'s Land spiritual, and have been by that Arm brought forth, and are now travelling in the Wilderness, wherein you meet with many Tryals, and find the Snares and Temptations of the Enemy strong and many, and are ready therewith sometimes to be overwhelmed, and to faint in your Minds; unto you my Heart and Soul yearns, and for you do my Bowels turn; dear Lambs and Babes, hear the Counsel of the Lord unto you in his endless Love, his Care is over you, that are and will be Obedient unto him, He will carry you his Lambs in his Bosom, and gently lead all that are with Young; look not at your own Weakness, nor at the Temptations of the Enemy; neither at the Nature yet remaining, which receives the Temptations; but look to the Lord, and believe in his Power, trust in the Sufficiency of his Grace, and let the Waves beat,

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and the Billows of Temptation go over; ſtand you ſtill, and ye ſhall know, that he is God, who changeth not, who in his own time will lift up his Standard againſt your Enemies; who by the Arm of his own Power can make all your and his Enemies as Aſhes under the Soals of your Feet; and here you ſhall know, that the Everlaſting God, the Creator of the Ends of the Earth doth not fail, neither is he weary; he gives Power to the Faint, and to them that have no Might he encreaſeth Strength: *The Youths ſhall fail, and the Young Men ſhall utterly faint; but thoſe that wait upon the Lord ſhall renew their Strength; they ſhall mount up, as on Eagles wings; they ſhall run, and not be weary; and go, and not faint:* Therefore lift up your Heads all you Breathing, Panting, Thirſty Ones (who cannot live without God's Appearance) in his Power your Enemies to deſtroy, the Appearance whereof your Soul loaths and abhors, even you that cannot take up a Reſt or Delight in any periſhing fading thing, but over all Mortality cries for a Saviour and Deliverer; neither can be ſatisfied with a Name to live, but cries to live to God, whoſe Souls Pant after the Loving-Kindneſs of the Lord, as the Hart panteth after the Water-Brooks; whoſe Tongues ſometimes even fail for Thirſt after the Living Enjoyment of the Living God: You are beloved of my Soul; your Travel I know in the Experience thereof; lift up your Heads in the Name of the Mighty God, and be no more bowed down through your long Infirmity, believe in the Anointed of the Lord, on whom your Help is laid; touch but the Hem of his Garment, and Vertue comes forth of him to heal your diſeaſed inward Man; and when the Enemy, by all his Power and Strength, would endeavour to deſtroy your

Hope, believe in Hope againſt Hope, even againſt the Hope of the Enemy; and look not at all at your own Deadneſs, nor barren Womb, but believe in the God of *Abraham*, and the Seed you ſhall know that ſhall be Heir, through whom to you the Inheritance ſhall be ſure: and never ſtagger at the Promiſe, becauſe it is not preſently fulfilled; but believe (which is the Work of God) and it ſhall be imputed to you for Righteouſneſs; and in due time the Barren bears, and neither *Eleazer*, nor the Son of the Bond-Woman ſhall inherit, for that the Promiſes are Yea and Amen to the Seed, and to all who are in the Seed.

Learn the Myſtery of Faith, which is held in a pure Conſcience, which is the Subſtance of things not ſeen, and the very Evidence of things hoped for; and here your Strength will be renewed: Caſt not away your Confidence; for that hath a Reward; nor let go your Hope, which is as an Anchor, both ſure and ſtedfaſt; but as I ſaid before, Believe in the Lord, and diligently wait upon him: never go to Battel againſt the Lord's and your Souls Enemies in your own Strength, nor Reaſon with the Enemies Appearances and Temptations in your own Reaſon, nor conſult concerning his Appearance in your own Thoughts and Cogitations: Beware, I warn you in the Name and Love of God, of kindling Sparks of your own, which is very incident to all thus exerciſed; for the Product and Effect is to lie down in Sorrow thereof: but ſink ye down into the Death of your own Thoughts, Reaſonings and Imaginations, Conceivings, Gatherings and Fetchings in; neither aſcend, nor deſcend, nor fly beyond the Sea; but ſink down into the Word of Life in the Heart, and there in pure Stilneſs

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neſs wait patiently upon God, until he ariſe your Enemies to ſcatter and deſtroy, and your Souls to deliver; and believe in the Word, the Light, the Gift, the Sufficient Grace, and caſt all your Care upon the Lord, who careth for you: do you nothing but ſubmit to the Saving Grace of God; and here you will ſee and have an Underſtanding how you have in your own Strength and Wills toiled all Night, and thereby caught nothing, and in the Morning ſee your Saviour, who will direct you, ſo that by following his Directions you will ſee more effected in a Moment of Time, then by your own Willing, Running and Toiling all Night; *for by his own Strength ſhall no Man prevail, its God that worketh both the Will and the Deed*; hear this, give ear, and be inſtructed, you afflicted and toſſed with Tempeſt, and not comforted; let the Scales fall off from your Eyes, then will you ſee all things poſſible, and your Faith will increaſe that removes Mountains. Ariſe you Afflicted Ones, who ſit as in the Duſt of the Earth; Ariſe, ariſe in the Might of the Power of the Eternal Strength of *Iſrael*; ſhake your ſelves from the Duſt of your own Thoughts, Conceivings, Contrivings and Imaginations; come into the Innocent Way, where the Wayfaring Man, although a Fool, ſhall not err: And be no more diſcouraged you bowed down in Soul and Spirit; lift up your Heads in the Light of Righteouſneſs, and you ſhall ſee your Redeemer draw nigh, yea, very nigh.

And ſo, dear Mourners in *Zion*, who mourn as a Dove without a Mate, be ye Comforted, be ye Comforted; behold I declare unto you in the Word of the Lord, That if you look up unto him, and believe in his Name, and obey the Requirings of his Power, your

Warfare will be accompliſhed, your Hearts and deſolate Souls will be inhabited with Life & Love, and the Ancient Pathes will the Lord reſtore to you; for now the Fruitful Field ſhall become like a Wilderneſs; and you who have ſeen your ſelves like a Wilderneſs, ſhall bloſſom as a Roſe; and you who have ſeen your ſelves as a ſtanding Pool, ſhall now become as Springs of Water; Night ſhall paſs over with you, and the Day ſhall dawn; Winter ſhall paſs over, and Summer draw nigh; and the Day haſteneth, you Mourners in *Zion*, after the Enjoyment of your God, wherein the Voice of the Turtle ſhall be heard (the Voice of the Innocent One) and the Singing of Birds in your Land; therefore be you comforted, ye ſolitary Ones, the Arm of the Lord is awakened for your Deliverance; *break forth thou Barren that didſt not bear, for more* (in the Name of *Iſrael*'s God) *ſhall be the Children of the Barren and of the Deſolate, then of the married Wife.* And ſo dear Exerciſed Ones, ſink down in the Stayedneſs and pure Content in the Light; and I charge you, ſtrive not to ſtir up, nor awake your Beloved until he pleaſe, ſo will the Work proſper in his Hands, and you ſhall the Spoil divide, that tarry at home in your Habitation; and then you will ſee your Beloved come leaping over the Mountains, and skipping over the Hills, ye will ſee him as the Apple-Tree among the Trees of the Wood, and ſit down under his Shaddow, and find his Fruit brought forth (by his Working, and your Paſſiveneſs) pleaſant to the Taſte: ſo neither will, nor run; for the Battel is not to the Strong, nor the Race to the Swift; and here you will learn the Myſtery of your Reſting from all your Labours, that he may work, and you not let; and as you are brought to be truly paſſive, as the Clay in the

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Hand of the Potter; let but him (even the Lord Strong and Mighty) arise, and in his Arisings your Enemies will be scattered.

So the Lord God Almighty open your Understandings clearly in these things (which are indeed of Eternal Concernment) and lead you and guide you to the Fountain of Living Waters, where you may be abundantly refreshed, consolated and strengthned to grow strong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might.

And unto you whom the Love of God hath reached, in making manifest the Way of Truth, in which you should walk, and who have received the Truth, and made Profession and Confession thereof, but have not, nor do not obey from the Heart; and all you who have tasted of the good Word of God, and of the Power of the World to come, and have and do turn aside, and backslide from the Way of the Lord, following the Lusts of your own Hearts, and Desires of your own Eyes, professing the Truth, and in some Measure are in Outward Conformity unto it, who profess to love God, but love the World, and the things thereof, who are Double-minded and Unstable in your Wayes, who would serve two Masters, and be Heirs of two Kingdoms, who from day to day come amongst the People of the Lord (who are Children of the Light and of the Day) but still stand in that Nature that is Corrupt; and although in the Assemblies of the Lord's People such may be often smitten, and the Way in which they should walk is manifest, and their By-Ways and Crooked Ways discovered, yet notwithstanding the many Reproofs of Instruction continue in the same Nature and Spirit: and all Foolish Virgins, who have a Lamp, but have no Oyl, and

& all who have only receiv'd the Seed in the High-Way, Stony and Thorny Grounds, who therein brings forth no Fruit to Perfection, but Dishonour the Name of him who hath sowed the good Seed, being one thing in Name, and another in Nature; and all you who have lost your First Love, and all you who have a Name to live, but are dead, and all you who are Luke-warm Ones, neither Hot nor Cold, who account your selves Rich, and increased in Goods, but are indeed inwardly Wretched, Miserable, Poor, Blind and Naked, hear the Counsel of the Mighty God concerning you, Ye are the People with whom the Spirit of the Lord will not alwayes strive; ye are the People who are the Sloathful Servants, not improving the Talent given and communicated unto you ye are the People that turn from the Grace of God into Wantonness; ye are the Backsliding Generation; ye are those who make an Image and a Likeness, and are content therewith without Substance it self; ye are the People who profess God, his Light, Life, Grace and Holy Way of Truth in Words, but deny him in Works, and are not Possessors of him; ye are those who dishonour the Worthy Name of the Lord amongst the *Heathen*, laying Stumbling-blocks in the Way of those who might come into the Way of Truth; ye are Lovers of the Unrighteous Mammon, and your Minds, Hearts, Understandings and Capacities are therefore set on work to compass it; ye are in *Esau*'s Nature, selling the Birthright for a Mess of Pottage; ye will run the hazard of opening the Mouthes of the *Heathen* to Blaspheme the Name of the Lord for little Gain; ye are they who have seen a Goodliness in a *Babylonish* Garment, and in a Wedg of Gold and Silver; ye are of them who trample under

under Foot the Blood of the Covenant, and do Despite unto the Spirit of Grace.

Give eare, and hearken therefore; draw nigh to God, that he may draw nigh unto you; cleanse your hands ye Sinners, purifie your hearts ye Double-minded Ones, lest his Fury break forth like Fire, and there be no Remedy; bow down, and kiss the Son, lest his Anger be kindled against you, and ye Perish out of the Way.

I am constrained to sound the Controversie of the Mighty God in his dreadful Name, Power and Authority with all the Unfaithful afore mentioned; and if all concerned herein do not speedily repent, and turn to the Lord, then shall your plagues be wonderful, and the Lord God will appear in the Fire of his Jealousie to consume you; and as you have, and do through disobedience dishonour the Pure Name of the Lord, so will the Lord God dishonour you, and your Names shall rot, and be as the Dung on the Face of the Earth: God's Fury, Fire, and Plagues will destroy you, and ye shall be gathered into the sides of the Pit to be punished with everlasting Destruction from the Presence of the Lord, and from the Glory of his Power.

My Heart is filled with the Indignation of the God of Heaven, and my Quiver with the Arrows of the Almighty against the Rebellious, and Uncircumcised: Tremble, Tremble, Tremble before the Lord, and before the Glorious Arisings of his Power: Wo, wo, wo to the False-hearted, and the Deceitful, who are as broken Bowes: unto all who are covered with a Profession (which is not the Covering of the Spirit of the Lord) I testifie God's Dreadful Vengeance, and Vialls of Wrath are near to be poured forth upon you, ye shall drink of the Cup of his

his Fury, even the Dregs thereof with the *Heathen*; be ye bowed down, and dreadfully smitten at this Rebuk of the Lord all ye Unfaithful Ones, the Lord is offended with you, and in the Day of Trial ye shall be consumed ye Reprobate Silver, ye Uncircumcised in Heart, and Eares; you Prophane *Esaus*, who sell your Birthright for a Mess of Pottage; tremble ye Sinners in *Zion*, let fearfulness surprize all Hypocrites; God Eternal is arisen, whose Spirit is upon me, and Power fills my Heart at this time, moving thereby to propheſie against you, and to proclaim his Controversie with you: the Day of Fanning and Winnowing hasteneth, in which you will be winnowed from the Wheat: the Day of the Lord which burneth as an Oven cometh, and he will sit as a Refiner's Fire, and Purifier of Silver, in which Day you will be separated from the Gold in the purifying Fire, and thereby be consumed: Vengeance, Vengeance, Plagues, Plagues, Fury, Fury, Calamity, Calamity, Amazement, Amazement, Astonishment, Astonishment is coming over you, the full Cup of the Indignation of the Mighty God will be given you: I am filled, I am filled with the Fury of the Lord God of Hosts, and am constrained thus to pour it forth, which, as sure as the Lord Lives that made Heaven and Earth, will be performed on you, who shall abide in these states aforementioned, and not speedily repent, and bow under the mighty Hand of the Lord.

Let this go through the family and through the hearts of all the unfaithful amongst the people of the Lord through the Land, and enter ye (when you hear these Words, and understand the Wrath determined) into the House of Mourning, and Chamber of Lamentation,

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rend your Hearts, and not your Garments; ſit in Duſt before the Lord, Repent, Repent, Repent, and as any are thus bowed down, wait that the Teſtimony of the Lord may ariſe in that Power which breaketh the hard Hearts in thoſe States and Conditions aforementioned, that all may hear and fear before the dreadful God, who will now be reverenced from the riſing of the Sun to the ſetting of the ſame, and all that do not repent, and bow before the Lord, ye ſhall be winnowed, and ſeparated from the Aſſemblies of the Lord's people, and gathered to your place, and there reſerved under Chains of Darkneſs unto the Judgment of the great Day: Oh in the ſence of what haſteneth to come on the unfaithful Ones have I often been bowed down, and my Soul hath in remembrance the Wormwood and the Gall in my Travels through this the Land of my Nativity, through which my God commanded me to paſs ſwiftly, ſaying, *Run through this Nation, and viſit my Breathing, Panting, Bruiſed Birth, which I begat among my People in the Day of their firſt Tender Viſitation: Proclaim my Acceptable Year, my Day of Perfect Deliverance to my Breathing, Panting, Earning, Tender Birth, and my Day of Vengeance to come upon that which bruiſeth it, either amongſt my People or in the World*: But, Oh! ſaith my Soul, that now all the unfaithful who have trampled under Foot the Blood of the Covenant, and done Deſpite unto the Spirit of Grace, and have hitherto neglected the Day of their Viſitation; Oh, that before the Eye-lids of the Morning be to them as the Shaddow of Death, they might return to ſeek the Lord while he is to be found, and to call upon him while he is yet near, before the Everlaſting Night comes, in which no man can work.

Postscript.

DEar Friends, great hath been the work, and many have been the Devices of the old Crooked Serpent, (even of him who kept not his first Habitation) to draw the Sons and Daughters of Men from their God through Ages, and Generations; and after every Appearance of the Lord God (wherein his eminent Hand hath appeared and Arm hath been signally manifeſt) the Enemy hath endeavoured by divers wayes to destroy the Work of God, sometimes by filling Instruments with Enmity to oppose the Appearance of Truth by Persecution, and things of that nature; and when that could not prevail, (the Power and Arm of God Almighty getting Victory over it) then he hath transformed in Appearance like unto an Angel of Light, approving and leading into the Practice of that outwardly, which before in his Instruments he had withstood; but still hath separated from the Truth, and hath so deceiv'd the minds of the Sons of Men, as that their conformity and obedience should not be really in Spirit and in Truth, but in the Name and Profession only: and on this wise he began his appearance with the first man *Adam*, thereby drawing him from the Tree of Life, and out of the Image of God, and brought him into that State in which he could no longer dwell in the Garden of the Lord, and after corrupted the Sons of men, that they grieved their God; so as that of all upon the Earth he found *Noah* Upright, and saved him,

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and his House, and destroyed all Mankind from off the Earth; and when Men began to multiply upon the face of the Earth, the old Enemy led them to build that which God took no Delight in, and therefore he came down and confounded them, and scattered them: but *Abraham* he called from his Fathers House beyond the Flood, who obey'd the Voice of God, and believ'd in him, and did cleave to the Lord with all his Heart and Soul, and obey'd; to whom the Lord promised, *To multiply his Seed as the Starrs of Heaven, and as the Sand on the Sea-shore*; and covenanted with him in the Circumcision, and gave him *Isaac* in which the Seed was called, of whom this Seed was to spring that was to be as the Sand of the Sea, and Stars of Heaven: then *Abraham* being required to offer him up, reasoned not with the Lord, nor disobeyed the Voice of his Maker; but took the Lad, and the Wood, and the Knife, and went to the Land of *Moriah*, to the Mount which the Lord had shewed him; but the Lord, after he had proved him, spared *Isaac*, and the *Ram* was offer'd up: of which *Isaac* came *Jacob*, in whom the Seed was multiplied; which *Jacob* wrestled with the God of his Fathers for a Blessing, and prevailed with God, and then was named *Israel*, of whom came the Children that went down into *Egypt* to *Joseph*, who was hated of his Brethren because of his Dreams; afterwards *Israel* multiplied into a People, who were Oppressed by *Pharaoh*, who knew not *Joseph*, and would have destroyed the Seed of *Israel*, and have hindred them from multiplying, howbeit God preserv'd *Moses* (that goodly Child) who was drawn out of the Waters, whow hen he was keeping his Father-in-Law *Jethro*'s Sheep, and drave them to the Backside of

the Desart, and came to *Horeb*, the Mountain of God, then the Lord appeared in the Bush in a Flame of Fire, saying, *I have surely seen the Affliction of my People which are in* Egypt, *and have heard their Cries, by reason of their Task-Masters; for I know their Sorrow*; and the Lord God by the Hand of *Moses* wrought Wonders in the Land of *Egypt*, and plagued *Pharaoh*, and brought *Israel* out of *Egypt*'s Land by an Out-stretched Arm, and by a Mighty Hand through the Red Sea, on the Banks of which they sang the Song of Deliverance; but the same Enemy that stirred up *Pharoah* to oppress them, and hinder them from coming out of *Egypt*, moved in their Hearts to disobey the Lord, and to draw them from a Belief in that Power which had so signally delivered them; howbeit the Merciful God of *Jacob* healed the Waters, and notwithstanding caused the *Manna* to come down Morning by Morning to feed them, he also smote the *Flinty Rock*, and brought forth Waters; after they thus murmured he brought them to *Sinai*, where the Glory of the Lord appeared, and there gave them a Law and Precepts; but notwithstanding they had seen the Wonderful Hand of the Lord, and his signal Deliverances, were fed and preserved by him, yet they murmured in their Hearts against the Lord, and through the Workings of the same subtil Enemy (to whom they gave way) made Godds of Gold, and in their Hearts would have gone back again unto *Egypt*, and Rebelled against the Lord, and so the Enemy of Mankind the Devil prevailed, that after the Spies had spied the Land they murmured against the Lord, and against his Servants, so as that the Lord destroyed them, and their Carkases fell in the Wilderness to whom the Promise was, save *Joshua*

Joshua and *Caleb*, Men of another Spirit; howbeit *Joshua* led their Children over *Jordan* to possess the Land of *Canaan* unto whom the Lord was good, and performed all the good Things promised; and they drave forth the Inhabitants of the Land, and inhabited it; and here the Enemy *Satan* prevailed again, so that *Jesurum* waxed fat, even thick, and kicked, and then he forsook God that made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his Salvation, and went and served other Godds, and the Lord delivered them into their Enemies Hands; howbeit when they were brought low the Lord heard their Cries, and delivered them by the Hands of many Instruments, which he raised up as *Judges* and *Kings* in *Israel*, even unto the time of *David*, who found Favour before God, and desired to find a Tabernacle for the God of *Jacob*, by whom he delivered *Israel*, who went out in the Strength of the Mighty God, and fought their Battels, whose Heart loved the Lord, whose Name is a Sweet Memorial; but *Solomon* his Son built a House for the God of *Jacob*, and the Temple that was a Figure, and the Lord was with him and *Israel*, and his Glorious Presence was amongst them; howbeit the Old Subtil Enemy that deceived *Adam*, turned *Solomon's* Heart from following the Lord, to follow other Godds, and built a Place for the Godds of the *Heathen*; after which the Enemy fill'd the Heart of *Jeroboam* to do wickedly, and *Israel* departed from the Lord; howbeit the Lord sent his Prophets arising early, to whom they did despitefully, even to *John*, a Prophet and Fore-runner of the *Messiah*, whom they beheaded, and slew the Just One, the Anointed of the Lord, and believed not on him who was the Heir, notwithstanding the Mighty

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Works which he did, who was manifeſt in due time, taking not on himſelf the Nature of Angels, but the Seed of *Abraham*, who ſent the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Ghoſt, which came upon the Diſciples, and filled them, through whom the Power of the Moſt High God was ſignally manifeſt, ſmiteing Thouſands at the Heart; and in that Day many were added to the Church, and great Grace was upon them; and there was in that Bleſſed Day of the great Appearance of the Mighty God daily the Revealings and Manifeſtings of his Eternal Power, ſo that great Fear came on the Regions round about, and the Word of God grew; but preſently the Roaring Lion (that through Ages went about to deſtroy the Appearance of the Lord God) by his Power ſtirred in the Hearts of the Ungodly to oppoſe that Appearance, over whom the mighty Power of the Lord gave his Servants much Victory; yet he ceaſed not, but transformed as an Angel of Light, and in his Inſtruments wrought to draw People from the Power of Godlineſs, into the Form of Godlineſs, and brought in damnable Hereſies privily, through his Inſtruments that aroſe amongſt the People of the Lord, and in that day he wrought powerfully, that notwithſtanding the Church was in the Glorious Splendor of the Heavenly Celeſtial Life (*as a Woman cloathed with the Sun, having the Moon under her Feet, and on her Head a Crown of twelve Stars*) and travelled, and brought forth the Man-Child, who was to rule the Nations with a Rod of Iron, yet he in the Appearance of a Red Dragon (*who had the ſeven Heads, and ten Horns, and ſeven Crowns on his Heads*) ſtood ready to devour the Man-Child; but he was caught up to God, and to his Throne; and the Woman having

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two Wings as of a great Eagle given her, fled into the Wilderneſs for a Time, Times, and a half, from the Face of the old Serpent, and he hath made War with the Remnant of her Seed, and by his powerful Workings brought Night over again, who work'd myſteriouſly even amongſt the Churches, cauſing ſome to loſe their Firſt Love, others to hold the Doctrine of *Balaam*, others the Doctrine of the *Nicolaitans*; others to have a Name to live, and yet dead to God; others ſuffered the Woman *Jezabel*; others called themſelves *Jews*, and were not, but were in the Nature of the Synagogue of Satan; others there were that were Luke-warm, neither Hot nor Cold: and manifold have been the Transformings of the Adverſary of Mankind the Devil, but in one and the ſame Nature and Power. His firſt Appearance under which he would have deſtroyed the Man-Child, and the Woman, and the Remnant of her, was a great Red Dragon, then as a Beaſt riſing out of the Sea (the Waters) who had ſeaven Heads and ten Horns, and on his Heads ſeven Crowns, and the Beaſt had his Power, Seat and great Authority from the Dragon; and *John* ſaw another Appearance, a ſecond Beaſt, that roſe out of the Earth, which Beaſt had only two Horns, and that like a Lamb, but ſpake as a Dragon, and exerciſed the Power of the firſt Beaſt, which firſt Beaſt (having a Wound by the Sword and did live) all the World wondered after, who had made War with the Saints and overcame them, and all worſhipped (and do worſhip) the Beaſt (that had a Wound and did live) whoſe Names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb ſlain from the Foundation of the World; if any Man hath an Ear to hear let him hear: Here is Wiſdom, let him that hath Un-

Underſtanding count the Number of the Beaſt, who carryed *Myſtery Babylon the great, the Mother of Harlots*, who was drunken with the *Blood* of the *Saints* and *Martyrs* Oh horrible Night! Oh deplorable Time and Seaſon that hath been over all the Nations, Tongues and People this Forty and Two Moneths, all which time the holy City hath lain trodden under Foot, and this Thouſand two Hundred and Sixty Dayes, which time the Witneſſes have Propheſied in Sack-cloth and Aſhes, and have been ſlain by the Beaſt, whoſe dead Bodies have lain ſlain three dayes and a half in the midſt of the great City (not put into Graves) which is ſpiritually called *Sodom* and *Egypt*, where alſo our Lord was crucified; the Woman which was clothed with the Sun hath been in the Wilderneſs a Time, Times, and an half, the Book of Life was ſealed with ſeven Seals. But now that which lies on my Spirit is to manifeſt, that this horrible Night of Apoſtacy entered at firſt through the departing of ſome from the Power, even the Power of Godlineſs it ſelf, into the Form thereof, through which came into the Churches the before-mentioned horrible Evils; And this Depature from the Power is occaſioned through going out of the Daily Watchfulneſs in the Gift of God (in which and through which the Power of the Almighty is daily felt and manifeſted) and through the getting up of that Wiſdom that is ſenſual, in which the cunning Serpent the Devil wrought to bring in Damnable Hereſies privily; for this is the Treacherous Part in Man, in which the Devil hath appeared againſt the Life, the Truth, the Power in all Ages and Generations; for herein he makes a Likeneſs of the Truth, and thereby and therein ſetteth up Preſcriptions,

ſcriptions, and Rules, and Limits to the Spirit and Power of God it ſelf, and thoſe born of it; and this is that which hath and would kill the Heir, the Life, that Self may have the Inheritance; and this birth of the Evil One leadeth to ſacrifice to their own Net; and herein the Apoſtacy came in privily, cunningly and gradually, and improved it ſelf through the Workings of the power of the old ſubtil Serpent, in his Transformings as an Angel of Light, in the Wiſdom of Men, which is from beneath, and is ſenſual: For that which cauſed the Appearance of the Lord Jeſus in the Apoſtles dayes to be Glorious, was not the Wiſdom of Man aforementioned, but the Out-goings, and Daily Ariſings, and Manifeſt Operations of God's Eternal Power and Spirit, in which no Graven Image, Likeneſs or Similitude can be ſet up; for that's the Work of the Devil in the Wiſdom and Will of Man that acts (like the Devil) of it ſelf apart, and without the daily and continual Revealings of the Eternal Power of God Almighty; and all Knowledge either gathered by, or ſtanding here, puffeth up, and at laſt leads to forſake the Life and Power, like *Demas*. But now dear Friends (ever-bleſſed be the Name of the God of *Abraham*, *Iſaac* and *Jacob*, and all the Faithful through Ages and Generations paſt) the Lord God of Heaven and Earth hath cauſed his Ancient Power and Arm to be reveal'd after this ſore horrible Night of Darkneſs, that hath been in and over the Earth, and the good Old Way, and Ancient Path of Life is again revealed, into which Thouſands and Ten Thouſands have been called, and many have been gathered; Magnified and Praiſed be his Name for it, let it be given and returned to him through Ages and Ge-

nerations even for evermore, for that he hath remembred and visited again the Distressed in the Wilderness, and is bringing forth the Desolate, so that now she is seen *leaning on her Beloved*; *and Life from God is entered into the two Witnesses*; *and the Seven Seals are opened, and opening*; *and great* Babylon *is come in Remembrance before him*, *to be sunk down*, *and destroyed by a perpetual Destruction*; *and now* Jerusalem *is coming down as a Bride adorned for her Husband*, *the Seven Thunders uttering their Voices*, *the Perfection of Shaking*, *that the Mystery of God may be finished*. But dear Friends, the same *Roaring Lyon*, that appeared in the Ages by-past, is now going about, and that diligently, seeking how he may destroy this Appearance of the Mighty God in this Age and Generation, by drawing the Mind and Heart gradually aside from the Eternal Power it self that first visited, and also through his many Instruments (opposing the Truth) that are led captive at his Will: And now dear Friends, there is no *Preservation* but in keeping to the *Simplicity of the Gospel*, and to the very *Living Almighty Power of the Lord God*, by which all being kept low, *Self* (and that part aforementioned that the Enemy worketh in) *will be made of no Reputation*; but be humbled to *Death*, even the very *Death of the Cross*, which is the *Power of God*; and here let all keep in the *pure Retiredness*, in the *Valley of Humility*, in pure *Dread*, *Fear* and *Awe*: and let that be your *Instructor* and *Teacher* that hath been least, and not the *Wisdom of Man*; for that will lead in *Nature* from the *Power*, although in *Name* own and speak thereof. And dear Friends, a Travel hath been on my Spirit beyond all expression, *That the Enemy may never deceive any of us*, *as he did* Eve *by Subtilty*; for this I declare in the Name of the Lord God, *The Enemy worketh no way which hath a ten-*

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dency more secretly destructive to the Appearance of the Most High God in this day, then in the Wisdom of Man, which is not that Wisdom that is from above, which Wisdom is pure and peaceable, the Nature of which is to lay low all, as the Nature of the other which is sensual, is to make Men and Women grow Jesurum *like, thick, and fat, and high, which leads and turns from the Broken-hearted, Tender, Contrite-spirited estate.*

And so dear Friends, in the Bowels of unexpressible Love to all that have been visited with the *right Arm of God's Salvation*, and are *tender before the Lord*, keep in the *Light*, in a *daily watchful Estate*; for if there be not a keeping here, *a good State and precious Growth in the Truth may soon be lost, and an Image of the thing come up in its place.*

God Almighty in his *Heavenly Power*, & by the working of his *everlasting quickning Spirit*, open unto you all the many *Snares* & *Wiles of the Enemy*, by which he lies in wait the *Innocent to deceive*, and preserve all in the Gift of his Love, in the sight and knowledge thereof, *that by the daily Manifestation and Operation of his pure Power we may break all the Enemies Snares, & in the same live to his Glory to the end of our days.*

And all Friends every where, all to your *Tents, dwell and walk with the Lord, build on the sure Foundation, the try'd Corner-Stone*, which they only do who hear the Word of the Lord, and do it; so shall you and your Building stand in the *stormy Day*, that comes to try all Foundations and Buildings, *in which day the Floods will come, the Waves will beat, & the Rain descend, and then all Sandy Foundations, and all Buildings, how stately soever built thereon, shall fall, and great will be their Fall and perpetual Destruction.*

And so the Lord God preserve you all, to build and be establish'd on the *Foundation of many Generations*, so will you go through the *Fiery Tryal*, in which nothing shall be consumed

sumed but the *Dross, Lead, Tin* and *reprobate Silver*; *for the Gold will endure the Tryal, and the Wheat the Fanning, but the Chaff will be blown away, and all the Stubble consumed by the dreadful purifying Fire of God that will try all.*

The Lord gather the *Upright* into the *Ark of his Covenant*, and into the *Munition of Rocks*, where *Bread* will be sure to the *Hungry Ones*, and *Water* to the *Thirsty*; in which Estate the God of the Spirits of all Flesh preserve and keep his *Flock* and *Family* every where, and abundantly *water*, *dew upon* and *Repleniſh His*, even from this time forth and forever and ever.

Tetherton *in* Wiltshire, *the 7th of the 1ſt Moneth, in the Year*, 1673.

Charles Marſhall.

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